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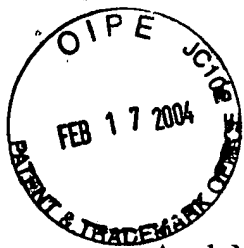
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is responsive to the Final Action of July 16, 2003. A Notice of Appeal was filed on October 15, 2003. A Request for Continued Examination and a Petition for a two-month extension of time are submitted herewith.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.